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Deputy Assistant Administrator for Research and Development

1. <u>INTRODUCTION</u>

The Deputy Assistant Administrator for Research and Development serves under the Assistant Administrator for Research and Development. The incumbent to this position will provide input in the planning, policy development and implementation, oversight and direction of management and administrative initiatives underway within the Office of Research and Development; and provide senior level expertise in strengthening the Agency's research program. The primary responsibilities are to oversee and coordinate the development of management policies and strategies and to provide expert scientific leadership and direction for scientific and technical matters in the regulatory process as well as other high priority areas. The duties will involve interactions that are both international and national in scope.

II. MAJOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1. The Deputy Assistant Administrator proposes means for improving the quality and content of the organization's management structure, and recommends and advises on the content and conduct of responses to Agency requests and legislative mandates.
- 2. Advises the Assistant Administrator for ORD on overall program goals, objectives, policies, strategies and managerial approaches, and program plans.
- 3. Reviews and evaluates documents and correspondence requiring approval by the Assistant Administrator for ORD.
- 4. Assesses critical, ORD-wide organizational issues across programmatic lines and directs assignment to appropriate ORD office for response to and/or implementation of new Agency policies or programs. Develops options and mechanisms to identify issues of concern and ensures systems are in place to ensure the programs' success and policies are fully implemented.
- 5. Represents ORD and the Office of the Assistant Administrator for ORD on high level interagency committees. Represents ORD as a senior manager within professional, academic, state and local groups and associations. Maintains continuing contact with various governmental and nongovernmental agencies, universities and associations and participates in seminars, conferences and meetings to ensure ORD's managerial and organizational initiatives and programmatic goals are in sync with Agency mission statements and policies.
- 6. Directs organizational studies and general management reviews for submission to the Assistant Administrator for ORD, OMB, Congress and others, as required. Based upon analysis of problem trends and critical areas identified and defined, recommends redirection of programmatic efforts and development of new or modified methods, policies, procedures, programs, and strategies.
- 7. Evaluates status and trends of management and administrative systems in place and based on a broad understanding of organizational goals and mission objectives, recommends new directions, policies and areas of study. Directs ORD actions concerning emerging problems of national significance. Determines the existence of trends and developments which appear to significantly influence long-range organizational plans. Recognizes the need for further

- studies and development, if necessary. Based upon the analysis of trends and problem areas and the organization's demographical base, recommends the development of new or modified methods, policies, programs, and strategies.
- 8. Conducts and oversees a comprehensive program, staff and technical analyses of science policy issues and problems as well as providing general advice and guidance covering all aspects of ORD activities.
- 9. Assists in the development of policies affecting ORD which includes reviewing, evaluating, and recommending adjustments in the Agency science policies and regulations.
- 10. Facilitates working relationships between science programs in ORD and science and regulatory programs in EPA's Program and Regional Offices and outside organizations on the scientific aspects of regulatory issues of mutual interest in order to support communication and cooperation.
- 11. Works collaboratively with appropriate ORD and EPA program office experts to provide advanced guidance and information, reviews, analyses, and coordination in support of regulatory and guidance initiatives and makes recommendations to the Administrator and Deputy Administrator.
- 12. Represents, as appropriate and requested, the Administrator and Deputy Administrator at various task force, panel, and committee meetings as an expert, recognized by peers, at all levels of government, on science and operational program activities concerning or related to the development of Agency science policies and regulations.
- 13. Undertakes assignments on projects of special concern to the Administrator and Deputy Administrator; establishing contacts at the highest levels of governmental and non-government organizations in order to develop information, evaluate findings, and prepare reports incorporating conclusions and specific recommendations. The individual is capable of addressing national level issues.
- 14. Performs other related executive duties as assigned.

III. SUPERVISORY CONTROLS

The incumbent receives broad direction and general policy guidance from the Assistant Administrator for the Office of Research and Development. Within this framework, is delegated full and complete authority for the direction, management, and implementation of assigned duties. Exercises independent initiative in accomplishing missions and objectives in representing the Office of Research and Development, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, in his/her area of responsibility.